set up an automatic S.T.D. Telephone exchange at Chatra, the Headquarter of Chatra District in Bihar;

(b) the time by which it is likely to be set up;

(c) whether the present telephone facilities are quite insufficient; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

Electronic Exchange is already functioning.

(b) D.H.Q. at Chatra has been formed recently. STD is planned to be provided in 1992-93.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Question does not arise.

[English]

Post Offices in District of Jamnagar, Gujarat

1640. SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether many villages of Jamnagar District of Gujarat are at present without post offices;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) when such facilities are likely to be provided in all the villages; and

(d) the places of Jamnagar District where such facilities have been provided during the Seventh Five Year Plan?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SH RI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. There are 369 villages in the district of Jam Nagar which are at present without a post office. Opening of post offices in these villages has not been found justified as per departmental norms.

(d) During the 7th Five Year Plan villages namely Mojap, Beh, Juwangadh in Jamnagar district have been provided with post offices.

All Party Meeting on Jammu and Kashmir Problem

1641. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA:
SHRI LOKANATH CHOUDHURY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an all party meeting on the Jammu and Kashmir problem was convened by the Government on November 13, 1991;

(b) if so, the details of the discussions held; and

(c) the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (c). A meeting of the political leaders and prominent political personalities of the J & K State was held on 13.11.91. The meeting reaffirmed the resolve of the people to resolutely meet the challenge to the unity and integrity of the country. The meeting placed on record its appreciation of the out-